



Brigadier Tim Lai
Deputy Commanding General (Support),
III Corps and Fort Hood

Brigadier Tim Lai was born in Paris, France, and raised in New York, Geneva and London. He was educated at Berkhamsted School in England and at St Andrews University in Scotland.

He commissioned from the Royal Military Sandhurst in 1986 and served with the Royal Irish Rangers in England, Germany, and on operations in Northern Ireland, completing assignments as platoon commander, company second-in-command, Regimental Signals Officer, Adjutant and company commander in both the mechanised and light infantry role. He also served on the G3 staff at Headquarters Land Command.

Brigadier Lai attended the Royal Military College of Science and the Joint Services Command and Staff College from 1996-98, gaining Masters Degrees in Defence Technology from Cranfield University and in Defence Studies from Kings College, London.

He then served as Chief of Staff at Headquarters 20th Armoured Brigade in Germany, and as Chief Operations Officer for Multi-National Division (South West), part of NATO's Stabilisation Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. This was followed by command of an armoured infantry company with The Black Watch in Germany and on operations in Kosovo.

Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 2002, he served as Chief Operations Officer for a 17,500 strong multi-national peacekeeping force under the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone. Brigadier Lai then commanded the 1st Battalion The Highlanders in Scotland, on operations in Bosnia, and in the armoured infantry role in Germany. Following command, Brigadier Lai joined the Directorate of Strategic Plans at the Ministry of Defence.

He was promoted to Colonel in 2007 and served as the Chief CJ5 at the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan, and then as Deputy Chief of Staff for J5 Policy and Plans at the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters in England.

Promoted again in 2009, Brigadier Lai was seconded to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan as Senior Military Advisor to the Special Representative of the Secretary General. From Kabul he moved to Washington, DC, to be the UK's Military Attaché from 2010-2013, where he also completed a Bachelors Degree in Law from the Open University. Most recently, he completed a programme of strategic studies at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London.

Brigadier Lai joins III Corps as Deputy Commanding General (Support) accompanied by his family. His interests include family, reading, walking, skiing, travelling, rugby and motorsports, and he looks forward to finding new ones whilst in Texas and the United States.